

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

Last week, the House passed **HCS HJR 36** by a vote of 90 to 65. The resolution proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the individual and corporate income tax and sales and use tax with a sales tax of 5.11 percent on retail sales of new tangible property and taxable services. Qualified families would receive a sales tax rebate based on the federal poverty level guidelines to offset the sales tax on basic necessities. If passed by the Senate, this proposal would be placed on the 2010 ballot.

The House also passed **HCS HB 152**, which expands the DNA profiling system by requiring any person 17 years of age or older who is arrested for certain crimes to provide a biological sample for the purpose of DNA profiling analysis. This bill passed the House by a vote of 141 to 17.

The House also passed:

- **HCS HB 217**, which requires a school district to provide the reason for a student transfer request refusal in writing to the student's parent or guardian.
- **HCS HJR 32**, which proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the General Assembly to issue bonds to fund higher education building improvements, construction, landscaping and land purchases.

Last Week

The House perfected
31 bills, third read 18
bills and passed 27
bills out of committee.

Photo of the Week



Rep. Mike Parsons (left) and Rep. Kenny Jones (right), also known as the Sheriff's Caucus, discuss Jones conceal and carry legislation, HB 668. This bill expands the Castle Doctrine to include the entire property, not just the home.

Dates of Interest

- May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 4/20/09
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1,240
# HBs Referred to Committee	1,182
# HBs Reported Do Pass	195
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	111
# HBs Perfected	166
# HBs Third Read	163
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	100
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	14



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FAST FACTS

Below is a comparison of House and Senate actions as of April 20 of each year.

Year	HBs Filed	SBs Filed	HBs 3rd Read	SBs 3rd Read	HBs TAFP	SBs TAFP
2009	1,240	594	163	115	2	1
2008	1,336	600	145	114	7	1
2007	1,330	732	144	172	4	5
2006	1,207	723	155	192	3	1
2005	990	576	134	157	2	6

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Budget Committee** passed **HB 17**, which appropriates money for capital improvements. The committee also held hearings on **HB 18 through 21**, which appropriate federal stimulus funds for supplemental purposes.
- The **Ways and Means Committee** passed **HCS HB 323 & 528**, which changes the income tax credits available to certain individuals for the costs of modifications to a home in order for it to be accessible for a disabled person or a senior citizen who lives with them.
- The **Senate Financial, Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee** passed **HCS HB 382**, which repeals the Residential Mortgage Brokers License Act and establishes in its place the Missouri Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing and Residential Mortgage Brokers Licensing Act.
- The **Senate Education Committee** passed **HB 490**, which allows all public vocational and technical schools to participate in the A+ Schools Program without stipulations. The bill was placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Did you know?



The Big 12 Conference champion Missouri Tigers basketball team visited the Capitol last week. Four college basketball teams from Missouri won conference championships this year, MU and Columbia College men's teams and College of the Ozarks women's team won their conference tournaments. Southwest Baptist's men's team also won the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association regular season championship.